



MINUTES, Regular TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DEKALB, ILLINOIS July 8, 2020

Due to the Governor's order restricting gatherings of 10 or more people, and in an effort to restrict the spread of COVID 19, the Township reserves the right to restrict attendance to the meeting. The Township encouraged anyone who wished to attend the Town Board meeting to do so. Should we be unable to safely accommodate social distancing guidelines, the Township Board reserves the right to adjourn until such time (and place) when social distancing is possible.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Supervisor Johnson at the Township offices located at 2323 S. Fourth Street in DeKalb, Illinois. Roll was taken, those present were: Supervisor Johnson, Highway Commissioner Smith, Assessor Dyer, Trustees Flavin, King, McNett and ~~McNett~~ *Teboda*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Smith and all in attendance.

Presentations:

None.

Reports:

Supervisor Johnson provided an update on the COVID-19 relief program, stating that funds were running low due to its success. The board will have to decide how to proceed with the program moving forward.

Stonehugger Restoration is well into their second week of work, and has restored many stones, including newly uncovered stones. Helen anticipates that they will be in town for another week, and that the major restorations will come to a close. She anticipates that the cemeteries will require ongoing maintenance. Supervisor Johnson said that within 6-8 weeks, we should have roughly 6-8 binders of pictures and information from Stonehugger on our cemeteries.

The township, along with social service agencies who work in housing have organized an inter-agency zoom to establish communication on how relief funds will be used throughout the community. The township will lead the call.

The JRB met June 26, 2020 to hear from the authors of the forensic audit. The report found that there were many unacceptable accounting practices, such as missing documentation to support spending, inadequate record keeping in general, as well as likely overspending on city staff salaries. The school district, county, and Kishwaukee College indicated that they would be discussing whether further action is required regarding pursuing funds they believe they are owed. Supervisor Johnson explained that Township Attorney Stewart indicated that litigation on the matter would be lengthy and expensive. Trustees indicated they do not wish to seek litigation if it will cost more than we stand to receive. Supervisor Johnson indicated that she'd bring back to the board any additional updates, or any matter that required board consideration.

Clerk: Absent

Highway Commissioner:

Mr. Smith announced that IDOT has awarded the township a grant for the Gurler Road railroad crossing, which is currently very unsafe as it has no gates. The grant has been pursued for years, and is for around \$300k.

Mr. Smith detailed annual road closures for the replacement of culverts on Rich Road. He also explained a pipe drainage project that was underway.

Mr. Smith echoed that the cemetery project was going well, and how much work was being done by Stonehugger. He was enthusiastic about the progress, and said that his team is also working hard to mow as well as assist where needed.

Mr. Smith added his perspective on the JRB meeting, reiterating that what the auditors said. He commented that both the township and road district really have to wait to see if something is presented as a result of the talks that the school district is having, but that we all are independent and need to decide for ourselves what if any action to take. In our case, it would be a more expensive endeavor than we could recover if we use only the audit documents. He added that the Road District Attorney agreed that litigation of this matter would be phenomenally expensive.

Trustees:

King: Reported on the challenges of performing college orientation remotely, but that they are working it out. She highlighted the Back to School Bash put on by New Hope Baptist Church, and hopes it is successful despite being in a different format due to COVID-19.

Flavin: Announced that the food drive put on by NALC 706 is cancelled this year.

McNett: No report.

Bill Paying:

A motion to approve the June audit report and July bills to pay was made by Trustee Flavin and seconded by Trustee King. A roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Johnson: Aye; Trustee King: Aye; Trustee Flavin: Aye; Trustee McNett: Aye; Motion passed.

A motion to approve and file the June Treasurer's budgetary report was made by Trustee McNett and seconded by Trustee Flavin. A roll call vote was taken:

Supervisor Johnson: Aye; Trustee King: Aye; Trustee Flavin: Aye; Trustee McNett: Aye; Motion passed.

New Business:

Agenda Items:

Approval of the regular Town minutes: a motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2020; seconded by Trustee King. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

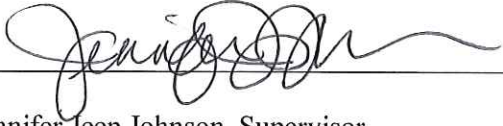
Action to Approve Annual Town Meeting Date of August 18, 2020 @7:00 pm

A motion was made by Trustee McNett to approve the proposed date; seconded by Trustee King. All members were in favor. Motion passed.

Next Regular Meeting: Will be on August 12th, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Township offices.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee King and seconded by Trustee McNett. All in favor, Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Jeep Johnson
DeKalb Township Supervisor in Clerk's absence



Jennifer Jeep Johnson, Supervisor



Kevin D Ferrin Clerk